1. Nagaland
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Petrol in Gorewell

668. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware that petrol his been discovered in the Gorewell drilled in Bhagawan Naik Thanda, Yenkur Madal. Nalgoda district in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (aj) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Shortage of diesel in M.P.

669. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NA TURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that now a days the State of Madhya Pradesh particularly Bhopal, Indore and other places are facing acute shortage of diesel and in the month of June Media reported large queue Of vehicles at petrol pumps waiting for diesel and most of petrol pumps were without diesel affecting the transport sys tem and agriculture sector adversely;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for the shortage of diesel in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) what action Governnment have taken to end this shortage in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-KARANAND): (a) Sporadic shortages of diesel were experienced in Bhopal, Indore and some other places in Madhya Pradesh during June, 1992.

(b) and (c) Various factors like abnormally high off-takes, longer turn-around time by the Railways due to long distance haulage of product etc. were some of the reasons for shortage of diesel in M.P. Even though the situation was brought under control, the recent truck operators' strike has againaffected the supply position. Action is, however, constantly on to ensure supply of adequate diesel to various. parts of M.P.

Import of crude oil

670. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with Iran to import 2 million tonnes of crude oil;

(b) what is the estimated projected import Of crude and petroleum products during the current financial year;

(c) what are the sources from which the remaining quantity of crude/petroleum products are going to be imported;

(d) what is the estimated growth rate in the consumption of petroleum products during the current financial year; and

(e) what is the estimated cost involved in the import of crude/petroleum products during the current financial year and by what percentage it is higher than the last year's imports (in foreign exchange)?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR ANAND): (a) Indian Oil Corporation have entered into a term contract with M/s. National Iranian Oil Company, Iran to import 2.0 MMT crude oil during 1992-93.

(b) At present, Government have approved the import of 26.66 MMT of crude oil and upto 10.6 MMT middle distillates within a ceiling of US $ 5.1 billion and about 1.32 MMT of other petroleum products.